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## **AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 25, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including Monday, October 27, 2003, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

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#### RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☐ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment minus highest number \$ previously paid for 20 (at least 20) =12 \$ 18.00 216.00 Independent claims after amendment minus highest number \$ previously paid for (at least 3) =х \$ 86.00 258.00 \$ If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper) 0.00 Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months) \$ 110.00 Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$770.00) Please enter the previously unentered . filed ☐ Submission attached Subtotal \$ 584.00 -\$ 0.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract ☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith \$ 0.00 Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) \$ 0.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) Other: Extension Petition; Extension Petition Fee (1 Month); Copy of MPEP § 714.13, pgs. 700-184. 0.00 8/2001; Copy of Ex Parte Wirt, 117 O.G. 599 (Commissioner of Patents 1905); Clean and Marked-up Copies of new Table 1; Copy of Post Card receipt date 4/25/2003 TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 584.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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